

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
REGISTRATION SERVICE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Council No. 240 Date 11-18-88

Full name STEVEN A. CONTI
(no initials if you can possibly get full name)

Social Security Number _____

Address _____

City BURLINGTON State MA. ZIP Code 01803

Date of Birth 10/62 (This is important and should be exact.)

Approximate age _____ (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known.)

Religion CATHOLIC Nationality ITALIAN

Occupation ELECTRICIAN

Education HIGH SCHOOL

Weight 180 lbs. Height 5' 10" Race WHITE

Color of hair BLACK Color of eyes BROWN

Outstanding characteristics or interests GUN COLLECTOR

Married or single SINGLE Children _____
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Spouse's name _____

Scouting connections:

Chartered organization Group of Citizens of Pine Glen School

Unit No. T103 City BURLINGTON State MA Position ASH Date registered 5/82 Date resigned suspended 11-13-88

Special recognition _____

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons: ATTACHED

NOTED

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JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

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Signed _____

SCOUT EXECUTIVE

CONF022107

READY FOR FILE

OCT 19 1989

A. GRAVES

October 19, 1989

Mr. Ronald K. Rogers
Scout Executive
Minuteman Council, No. 240

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: STEVEN A. CONTI

Dear Ron:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: Northeast Region

CONF022108



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

National Office
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
P.O. Box 152079, Irving, Texas 75015-2079
[REDACTED]

October 4, 1989

Mr. Ronald K. Rogers
Scout Executive
Minuteman Council, No. 240

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: STEVEN A. CONTI

Dear Ron:

Periodically, we follow up on each of our cases which are still open. At this time, we are asking if the trial has been completed. We would like the outcome and any sentencing which may have been imposed.

We hope you will help us to complete this file, so that we can make certain that youth are protected across the country.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: Northeast Region

Dear Paul -
The trial has been
completed. He was sentenced
7 to 20 years. He is now
in jail. I am trying to
get a copy of the paper
article. It didn't appear
in any of the ~~large~~
papers. Thanks -
[Signature]

CONF022109

October 4, 1989

READY FOR FILE
OCT 04 1989
JULIE EATON

Mr. Ronald K. Rogers
Scout Executive
Minuteman Council, No. 240

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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Registration Service

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

National Office
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
P.O. Box 152079, Irving, Texas 75015-2079

March 1, 1989

Mr. Ronald K. Rogers
Scout Executive
Minuteman Council, No. 240

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: STEVEN A. CONTI

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Periodically, we follow up on all of our cases which are still open items. This one has come to the "top of the stack." We would like to know whether the legal action has now been completed related to Mr. Conti. We will need the outcome of the legal action and also any sentencing which may be imposed. This would then complete our file and give us adequate information for refusing registration anywhere in the country.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: Northeast Region

3-7-89

Dear Paul -

Just today I found out that the Dist. Attorney's office met with 3 of our Scouts last week. There will be a trial this summer. My understanding is that he is being charged with 7 counts. I will keep you informed as their progress.

CONF022111

READY FOR FILE

MAR 01 1989

A. GRAVES

March 1, 1989

Mr. Ronald K. Rogers
Scout Executive
Minuteman Council, No. 240

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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Paul Krast, Director
Registration Service

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cc: Northeast Region

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Minuteman Council, Inc.

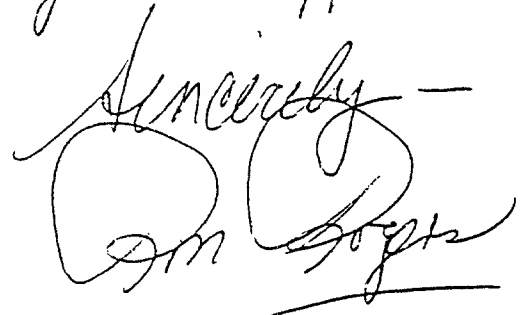
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



12-8-88

Dear Paul -

Attached are 2 copies
of Stephen Conti's signature
One on a webelos advancement
report, and one when he
picked up an Eagle kit.
I hope these are what you
need. He never had to
fill out the new form &
has been registered longer
than the 3 years we
kept his original application.

Sincerely -


NAME

TROOP #

EAGLE PRESENTATION KIT

RECEIVED BY:

DATE:

FOR COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER USE ONLY

received

Certificates issued

Mailed or issued to

Date mailed

Record posted

or the entire pack.

ard of review composed of at least three members. An advancement report
ned by at least three members of the board of review, including its chairman.
takes them to the post committee for approval, then prepares, signs, and

ot available to members of units whose charters have expired.

dvancement consecutively.

4. List names of Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, or Explorers who are applying for Eagle or Sea Explorers applying for Quartermaster and attach applications to this report.
5. The pack, troop, or team advancement committee member should interview boys who are not advancing. List these boys' names on bottom of form.
6. No Boy Scout advancement may be earned by female Explorers or by a Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, or male Explorer who has reached the age of 18.
7. Sea Explorers may earn Quartermaster through age 20.

To: Council Advancement Committee

I certify that the following record of advancement is correct and meets the
standards and requirements of the Boy Scouts of America.

For Troop/Team Report. Two additional signatures are required, plus date board
of review was held.

Board of Review
Date

Signed

Title

Name	Cub Scout Ranks, Arrow Points Boy Scout Ranks, Merit Badges	Name	Cub Scout Ranks, Arrow Points Boy Scout Ranks, Merit Badges
1. [REDACTED]	Artist	19. [REDACTED]	Showman
2. [REDACTED]	Arrow of Light	20. [REDACTED]	A.O.C.
3. [REDACTED]	Scholar	21. [REDACTED]	Artist
4. [REDACTED]	Showman	22. [REDACTED]	Naturalist
5. [REDACTED]	A.O.C.	23. [REDACTED]	Outdoorsman
6. [REDACTED]	A.O.L.	24. [REDACTED]	Scientist
7. [REDACTED]	Citizen	25. [REDACTED]	Showman
8. [REDACTED]	A.O.L.	26. [REDACTED]	Traveler
9. [REDACTED]	Citizen	27. [REDACTED]	A.O.C.
10. [REDACTED]	Showman	28. [REDACTED]	Outdoorsman
11. [REDACTED]	A.O.L.	29. [REDACTED]	A.O.C.
12. [REDACTED]	A.O.L.	30. [REDACTED]	Outdoorsman
13. [REDACTED]	Citizen	31. [REDACTED]	A.O.C.
14. [REDACTED]	Scholar	32. [REDACTED]	
15. [REDACTED]	A.O.C.		advancing
16. [REDACTED]	Outdoorsman		
17. [REDACTED]	Scholar		
18. [REDACTED]	Scientist		

Total different boys _____ Qualified for _____ awards

Forward white and pink copies to council service center. Keep green copy for unit files.

REVERSE CARBONS BEFORE COMPLETING PURCHASE ORDER ON OTHER SIDE

CONF022114

Minuteman Council, Inc.
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



Dear Paul -
Also enclosed:
3 Pictures of
Steven A. Conti



November 29, 1988

Mr. Ronald K. Rogers
Scout Executive
Minuteman Council, No. 240

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Steven A. Conti

Dear Ron:

We appreciate the material recently sent concerning the above named individual. This is most helpful as we start a file which will lead to refusal of future registration attempts.

We would like a copy of a paper with Mr. Conti's signature, if you have this available. A copy of his application or other paper would aid in the identification process.

Please keep us informed as legal action takes place. We will want the outcome and sentencing which may be imposed.

Thanks for your help in completing this file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

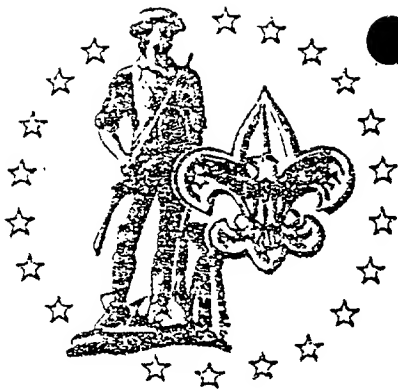
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cc: Northeast Region

*Added to CF file
Deleted reg
11/30/88
cm*

READY TO FILE
NOV 29 1988
ERIN O'RILEY

CONF022116



Minuteman Council, Inc.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

November 13, 1988

Mr. Steven A. Conti

Burlington, MA 01803

Mr. Conti:

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with the Boy Scouts of America. A refund of your registration fee is enclosed.

You should understand that BSA membership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to suspend registration whenever there is concern that an individual may not meet the high standards of membership which the BSA seeks to provide for American youth.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed by a council review committee, please write to me within 60 days of the date of this letter, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA member should be reinstated.

Sincerely yours,

Dennis S. John

Dennis S. John
Council President

Ronald K. Rogers

Ronald K. Rogers
Scout Executive

THIS letter taken by me on Sunday 11/13/88
to the Burlington jail. Because of "privacy" the
letter + REFUND were given to Conti by Lt. Devlin
AND OFFICER MOORE.

Ronald K. Rogers



An Educational Agency—Serving Boyhood Through Scouting in: Arlington, Bedford, Belmont, Burlington, Carlisle, Concord, L. G. Hanscom AFB, Lexington, Lincoln, Malden, Medford, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Stoneham, Wakefield, Waltham, Watertown, Winchester, and Woburn.



CONF022117

Resident charged in rape of child

Suspect member of town Scout troop

By Michael Sperr

A Burlington man who police say became involved in a local Boy Scout troop and a Big Brother organization to get close to children is free on \$5,000 cash bail following his arraignment Monday on child rape charges.

Steven Contl, 26, of 10 Makechnie Rd., was arrested Nov. 9 after a two-day investigation and charged with rape of a child and indecent assault and battery of a child, according to Sgt. Walter Bevis, head of detectives.

Although he was released after the initial arrest, Contl was arrested again on Friday after investigators discovered that he

had been involved in various youth organizations during the past seven years.

"At first it was thought to be an isolated incident," said Bevis, explaining why Contl was released after the first arrest.

Contl was charged Monday in Woburn District Court on one count of rape and abuse of a child under 16 and one count of indecent assault on a child under 14, according to Thomas Samoluk, a spokesman for the district attorney's office.

Contl will return to court Dec. 8 for a pre-trial conference, Samoluk said.

Bevis said Contl, an assistant electrician, may ultimately face

two counts of child rape and three counts of indecent assault and battery of a child.

During the weekend, police interviewed about 40 families who knew Contl, Bevis said.

"We're interviewing anybody who had any contact with him," he Bevis.

Contl was an assistant scoutmaster in Boy Scout Troop 103 and also member of a Big Brother organization.

Bevis said Contl was involved in the organizations "just as a means of being close to the kids."

"He used his position to manipulate people," Bevis said. He

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Acid discovery at 3M calls for HazMat unit

Resident charged with rape of child belonged to Scout troop, Big Brother ...

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noted that none of the incidents occurred during Scouting functions.

The two incidents in which Conti has been charged occurred within the last two years, Bevis said.

Other children who police believe were victimized are between the ages of seven and 15, and not all of them were Scouts, Bevis said.

He said the investigation is winding down.

"We have a profile of him. We know what we're looking for," Bevis said.

"He's got some serious problems," said Bevis, who interviewed Conti after the arrest. "He showed no remorse."

Mike Vecchi, the scoutmaster whom Conti served under, could not be reached for comment.

Local Cubmaster Peter Mohan said he knew Conti and was shocked to hear about the allegations.

"I was there when the officers came up," Mohan said. "I didn't even know what was going on."

He said the Minuteman Council, which oversees local Boy Scout, Cub Scout and Explorer troops, has safeguards in place to "prevent this type of thing from happening."

"We don't just take anybody," Mohan said.

"They've really become quite stringent on it," Mohan said.

"They want to make sure there's all the protection in the world for the kids."

Minuteman Council Executive Director Ronald Rogers said that intense screening for scout adult leadership has been implemented within the last 18 months as a response to growing

awareness of child sexual abuse. "There are checks done on the leadership within a Boy Scout troop," Rogers said.

Rogers said that a background check conducted on Conti showed that he had no past criminal record. However, Rogers pointed out that Conti joined the organization before the stricter screening guidelines were in place.

He said that during his three years on the Minuteman Council, he has heard of no other cases involving sexual abuse of a child by a Scout leader.

"One case is too many," Rogers said.

Rogers noted that the Burlington Boy Scout troop is one of the best and most active within the council, and he said he does not believe the situation will have a negative impact on the organization.

"As far as the Scouting program is concerned, it is still one of the best programs we have," Rogers said.

Marshall Simonds Middle School Principal Richard Connors said he was not familiar with the details of the situation.

"No one has said a word to me," Connors said.

Connors said the issue of sexual abuse is discussed in health courses taught at the middle school.

"There's no question that kids ought to be able to talk to a professional at an appropriate time," Connors said.

Connors could not speculate whether the matter would prompt additional emphasis on abuse education in the middle school.

"I've been reluctant to do anything until I know all the facts," he said.

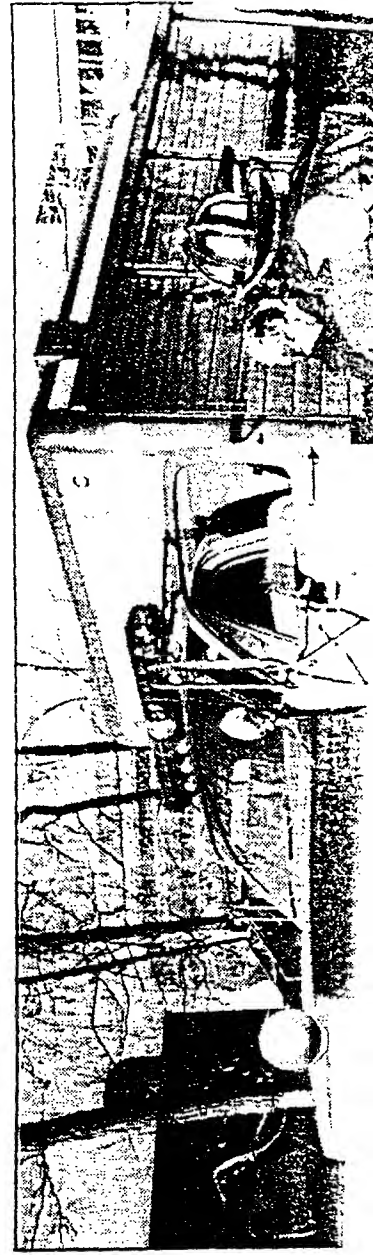
Acid discovery leads to evacuation of 3M ...

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3M does not use the acid to manufacture any of its current products.

He said he did not know what the acid may have been used for in the past.

State and local police. The HazMat vehicle, two fire engines and a ladder truck were positioned outside the evacuated building as officials decided how to handle the incident. The HazMat crew was preparing for



The Burlington NEWS

Thursday, November 17, 1988

Resident held on charges of child molesting

A two-year investigation by Burlington Police has led to the arrest of a 27-year-old resident. He was charged with indecent assault and battery of a child under the age of 14 and rape of a child.

Stephen A. Conti, 10

Makechnie Road, was arrested last Wednesday night by Burlington Police Sergeant Walter Bevis, who supervised the investigation.

"The suspect had an opportunity to be in contact with children," said Bevis, "and

took advantage of the situation."

Local authorities are withholding information regarding the exact circumstances of the incident pending further investigation of more potential victims.

"At this time, we're questioning anyone that has come in contact with the suspect during the last five to seven years," said Bevis.

The alleged assault and battery and rape occurred in Burlington in 1986, and local

authorities have been conducting an extensive investigation and will continue to gather information as they question any other children who may have any knowledge of this or any other similar incident.

Burlington Boy Scout leader...

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"He loved young boys, just being near them," said Sgt. Walter Bevis, the detective heading the investigation. "He just picked out someone he wanted to be closer to and got close to the family, moving himself into a position of trust."

Conti was a secondary leader for Burlington Troop 103 of the Boy Scouts of America and a volunteer for Big Brother/Big Sister. He was a respected and well-liked man who got along well with the kids, according to police.

He has no prior arrests and no known record of sexual offenses, Bevis said. Police allege that Conti had become affiliated with youth organizations during the past seven years in order to become acquainted with the boys.

Over seven years, he just made himself available to several youth organizations," Bevis

Burlington Boy Scout leader charged with sex assault on boys

By MARCIA PECK
Sun Staff

BURLINGTON - A 26-year-old Burlington Boy Scout leader and Big Brother faces charges he sexually assaulted two young boys after using youth groups to befriend the boys and win over their trust.

Stephen Conti, 26, of 10 Makechnie Road, Burlington, is expected to be indicted next week by a Cambridge grand jury on these and other charges of rape of a child and indecent assault and battery on a child, according to police.

Police charge that Conti befriended the boys and their families, winning over their trust for sometimes a year before assaulting the boys.

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said. "It looks like he got into these organizations to get close to the boys."

Conti has been removed from all affiliation with the Boy Scouts, according to Ronald Rogers, the executive director of the Minuteman Council in Stoneham, which oversees the Boy Scouts.

Rogers said Conti's past was thoroughly investigated before being approved as a leader.

"With all the onslaught of abuse cases nowadays, our registration procedure is quite extensive to determine character of the people," Rogers said. "Ironically, Conti, as all Boy Scout volunteers, received extensive training to recognize and prevent child abuse in the Scouts," Rogers said.

The abuse apparently did not occur during any Boy Scout outdoor outing.

Police are investigating the Big Brother/Big Sister angle, but have no indication of abuse at this time.